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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ARA WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

REF: STATE 115903

1. I WAS MOST INTERESTED TO RECEIVE THE MAY 17 WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS (REFTEL), WHICH CONTAINED A GOOD DEAL OF INFORMATION VERY USEFUL TO US FOR BACKGROUND PURPOSES-- SPECIFICALLY, THE PARAGRAPHS ON THE GREEN AMENDMENT AND SENATOR MCGOVERN'S TRIP TO CUBA.

2. I NOTE YOUR STATEMENT THAT THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT BROUGHT LITTLE COMMENT FROM LATIN AMERICA, EITHER POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE. WE HERE MAY HAVE ERRED IN NOT SENDING YOU A TELEGRAM, SEPARATE FROM OUR ROUTINE PRESS REPORTING, ON THE CHILEAN REACTION. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, GOVERNMENT AND VISIBLE OPINION SOURCES WELCOMED THE EPISODE WITH SINGULAR ENTHUSIASM, AS A DEMONSTRATION THAT THE INSIDIOUS PHILOSOPHY OF DETENTE HAD IN FACT NOT SAPPED THE CAPACITY AND WILL OF THE USG TO RESIST COMMUNIST AGGRESSION. WE WILL BE SENDING YOU A CABLE ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. WHAT WE HAVE RECEIVED ON THE OASGA INDICATES THAT IT WENT OFF VERY WELL FROM OUR STANDPOINT. WE ADMIRERD THE SKILLFUL DRAFTING OF YOUR HUMAN RIGHTS

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STATEMENT. OF COURSE THE CHILEANS WERE VERY PLEASED

WITH IT; WE WERE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT CONGRESSMAN FRASER WAS ALSO ON BOARD. DOES THIS SIGNIFY ANY MODERATION OF THE GENERAL CONGRESSIONAL BIAS RE THE HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM IN CHILE? FROM THIS DISTANCE IT WOULD BE PLAUSIBLE TO IMAGINE THAT AS A RESULT OF RECENT EVENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, CONGRESS MIGHT PLACE SOMEWHAT LESS EMPHASIS ON THIS MATTER. WE WILL BE SENDING YOU A CABLE ON THIS ONE ALSO.

4. I HOPE YOU HAVE A FRUITFUL AND PLEASANT TRIP TO JAPAN. LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON MY NEXT TRIP TO WASHINGTON. POPPER

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